

## Council on Aging



An annual report for the Council On Aging must start out with an expression of gratitude and appreciation to the entire community for your outpouring of support for and participation in our Senior Center programs and services. A reflection of that support may be seen in what has become one of our unexpected major problems...not enough space in our parking lot!

One of the high points in the year for your Council On Aging Board was the return of our COA Director, Kristin Andrews, following an extended sick leave. I know that all who have worked with Kristin join me in welcoming her back. And we must add a special note of appreciation to our Assistant Director, Donna Pizura, who carried the responsibilities of

managing the Senior Center so effectively during Kristin's absence.

A major event in the growth of the COA was an all day retreat which brought together members of the Friends of the Council On Aging, the Duxbury Senior Citizen's Club and the COA Board. Out of that event came a vision statement which has served to focus the cooperative efforts of these three senior oriented organizations: *"To create and maintain an environment which will enhance and enrich the lives of seniors and their families and to provide the resources to achieve this environment"*.

Frank Davis, Custodian, is our third full time staff member. All other staff cover their areas of responsibility on a part time basis. Each deserves a vote of appreciation for their continued commitment to our senior population. They are Julie Cordeiro, Administrative Assistant; Peggy Murphy, Receptionist; Joan Doscher, Recreation Specialist; Peter Dewey, Food Service Manager; Clemencia Webster, Food Service Assistant; Bonnie Haley, Outreach Coordinator; Karen Grisdale, Home Delivered Meals; Joanne Moore, Activities Coordinator; Philip Barnes, Senior Bus driver and Gordon Cushing, Facilities Assistant.

As has been the case throughout the history of the COA in Duxbury our ability to provide programs and service has been dependent on our volunteers. This past year we held an appreciation luncheon for 175 volunteers who provided over 4500 hours with a monetary value to our community of \$138,510.00 We again extend thanks to the Friends of the Council On Aging who continue to provide financial support to our programs at the center. In particular they have provided the postage for the increasing number of newsletters mailed to Duxbury seniors each month. Latest census figures indicate that we now have over 2300 residents aged 60 and over, or approximately 16% of our population. This steadily increasing proportion of our senior population continues to reinforce the value of your senior center.

We look forward to working with the entire community in attaining the goals of our vision statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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